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CHAFEE STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee released the following statement upon hearing that President Bush had nominated Judge John Roberts to replace Sandra Day O'Connor as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:

“I congratulate the President on his efforts to consult the Senate. The President has made his selection and now we must let the Senate process take its course. I have worked closely with the Judiciary Committee Chairman, Senator Arlen Specter since my arrival in the Senate. At our weekly Republican Centrist lunches we have discussed a myriad of issues and I am completely confident that Senator Specter will conduct a fair and thorough hearing, working closely with both Democrats and Republicans on the Committee. It is important that Senators not rush to judgment one way or another but to let the Constitutional process work. We owe it to the American people to conduct ourselves with the dignity and objectivity this process demands.”

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